

# ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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**POTATO STOCKS IN ALASKA:** The preliminary forecast of potato stocks on farms on October 1, 2005 is estimated at 133,000 cwt. Last year there were 154,000 cwt of potatoes in storage on October 1, 2004. The preliminary estimate of production for 2005 is 153,000 cwt; this compares to 177,000 cwt of potatoes produced in 2004. Disappearance from harvest to October 1 was 20,000 cwt, compared with 23,000 cwt a year ago.

Warm temperatures, combined with rain and high humidity, allowed an outbreak of late blight disease in potatoes in the Matanuska Susitna Valley. Damage to fields ranged from minimal to severe. There were no reports of late blight from the Kenai Peninsula or the Tanana Valley. As of the date of this release not all growers had accurate production figures available. Revised figures will be published in the December Potato Stock Release if necessary.

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OCTOBER 1 POTATO STOCKS - 1,000 CWT										
Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
October 1 Stocks	110.0	151.0	134.5	170.5	123.8	215.0	135.0	147.0	154.0	133.0
Production	126.0	168.0	150.0	185.0	129.0	230.0	154.0	168.0	177.0	153.0
October 1 Stocks as % of Production	87%	90%	90%	92%	96%	93%	88%	88%	87%	87%

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